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## ENG 3801-001: Chaucer

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**English 3801.001: Chaucer**  
Spring 2004

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**Text:** *The Canterbury Tales*, Larry D. Benson, gen. ed.

**Secondary Material:** Helen Cooper, *Oxford Guides to Chaucer: The Canterbury Tales*

### **Schedule of Readings and Assignments**

January 13: Introduction to the course: Chaucer and His Language  
15: The General Prologue, lines 1-164

20: GP, lines 165-360 (**Reading Quiz**)

22: GP, lines 361-541

27: GP, lines 542-858 (**Reading Quiz**)

29: The Knight's Tale, lines 859-1354

February 3: KnT, lines 1355-1880 (**Reading Quiz**)  
5: KnT, lines 1881-2482

10: KnT, lines 2483-3108

12: The Miller's Tale

17: The Reeve's Tale and The Cook's Tale

19: The Man of Law's Tale

24: The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale

26: The Friar's Tale

March 2: The Summoner's Tale  
4: **\*\* Midterm Exam \*\***

9: The Clerk's Tale

11: The Merchant's Tale

16: Spring

18: Vacation

23: The Squire's Tale and The Franklin's Tale

25: The Franklin's Tale and The Physician's Tale

30: The Pardoner's Prologue and Tale

April 1: The Shipman's Tale

6: The Prioress's Tale

8: The Tale of Sir Thopas and The Tale of Melibee

13: The Monk's Tale

**\*\* Last Day to Turn in Essay \*\***

15: The Nun's Priest's Tale

April    20: The Second Nun's Tale  
          22: The Canon's Yeoman's Prologue and Tale  
  
          27: The Manciple's Tale  
          29: The Parson's Tale and Retraction  
  
May      3: **Final Examination:** 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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### **Course Requirements and Grading**

Final grades will be determined on a 100-point scale:

Essay	25 points
Study Sheets	25 points
Midterm Exam	15 points
Final Exam	25 points
Participation	10 points

Course Grade: **A**= 90-100; **B**= 80-89.99; **C**= 70-79.99; **D**= 60-60.99; **F**= below 60

**Reading Quiz:** To pass the class, you must pass a Middle English reading quiz which will consist of translating a short passage from the day's assigned reading. I will offer these quizzes once each week at the beginning of the semester, and then as necessary. (Don't expect to pass the first time!)

**Essay:** Your essay should be about **7 pages** long (ca. 2100 words). Grading will be based on what you have to say and how well you say it.

**Study Sheets:** Study sheets are intended to encourage you to read carefully and thoughtfully for each class session. They must be turned in on time.

### **Course/University Policies**

**Typing.** All essays must be typed (double-spaced with one-inch margins).

**Honor Policy.** Education depends on trust. I will trust you unless I have reason not to. But ... should you cheat and I find out about it, you can expect to fail the course. The University may take additional action.

**Plagiarism.** If you use other people's words or ideas without citing your sources and indicating when you have quoted, you risk failing an assignment or even the course depending on how serious I judge the offense. If you are not sure what plagiarism is, or whether a particular use of language constitutes plagiarism, ask me before you turn in an assignment.

**Students with Disabilities.** "If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible."